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SERVICES CONFERENCE, MUNICH, MAY 20-24, 1975

REFS: A) CAIRO 1865; B) STATE 35347; C) CAIRO 7165 OF
SEPTEMBER 16, 1974

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO JOHN CRAIG

DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES JUSTIFIED CONCERN EXPRESSED BY
EMBASSY IN REFS A AND C. NEVERTHELESS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS
EMBASSY RECONSIDER RELUCTANCE TO ISSUE INVITATION BASED ON
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DR. WILLIAM GEMMA, DRAWN FROM
DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN HEALTH OFFICIALS IN CAIRO.

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1. EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS FOUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL

SERVICES WORK EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND HAS IDENTIFIED IT AS A PRIORITY ISSUE.

2. RECENT GEMMA VISIT IDENTIFIED TECHNICAL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AREAS FOR WORK TO BEGIN EARLY IN MAY WITH WHICH EGYPTIANS COULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MUNICH MEETING.

3. HEW UNDERSTANDS THAT EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, IN

EXPECTATION OF FORMAL INVITATION, HAS ALREADY DESIGNATED DELEGATES TO MUNICH MEETING, AND IS EAGERLY AWAITING CONFERENCE INVITATION.

4. HUNGARY IS AMONG NON-NATO COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, AND INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AS WELL TO OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POLAND AND USSR.

5. FOR THESE REASONS, SUGGEST EMBASSY PURSUE ISSUANCE OF INVITATION UNLESS DEVELOPMENTS ARE SUCH AS TO CREATE OVERWHELMING OBJECTION TO ABOVE FACTORS. EMBASSY URGED TO ASSURE MFA THAT EMS CONFERENCE IS NON-POLITICAL MEETING, AND PARTICULARLY THAT NO PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN IN EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO EE COUNTRIES.

6. IF EMBASSY FEELS UNABLE TO ISSUE INVITATION, IMPERATIVE THAT IT BE MADE CLEAR TO EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH THAT THIS IS NOT A RESULT OF CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON PART OF USG, PARTICULARLY OF HEW. FAILURE TO MAKE THIS CLEAR TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WHICH IS EXPECTING INVITATION MOMENTARILY, COULD UNDO ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RECENT GEMMA EGYPTIAN VISIT.

7. PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN ASAP. KISSINGER

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